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Attorney Docket No.
31721-178050

Attention: Box Patent Application

Re: New Patent Application
 Inventor: Mitsuo TAKAHASHI et al

Sir:

Please find attached hereto an application for patent which includes:

Specification, Claims, Declaration, Power of Attorney.

Drawing: 3 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-6).

Assertion Claiming Small Entity Status.

Fee (see formula below) check enclosed.

Basic Fee \$370/740..... \$ 370.00

Additional Fees:

Total number of claims in excess of 20 0 times \$9/18 \$ ---.--

Number of independent claims 1
 in excess of 3: 0 times \$42/84..... \$ ---.--

Multiple Dependent Claim \$140/280..... \$ ---.--

✓ An assignment is likewise enclosed; Recording Fee \$40. \$ 40.00

TOTAL FEES FOR THE ABOVE APPLICATION... \$ 410.00

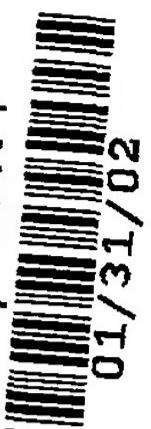
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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicant : Mitsuo TAKAHASHI)
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Application No.:) ASSERTION
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Filed :) CLAIMING
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For : OPTICAL ATTENUATOR) SMALL ENTITY
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Sir:

The undersigned hereby asserts that the above-identified application is entitled to small entity status.

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